GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2389
ANSWERED ON:07.08.2000
CONSERVATION OF FORESTS IN J & K
VISHNU DATT

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds sanctioned by the Union Government to the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir forpreservation and conservation of forests during the years1999-2000 and 2000-2001;

(b) the amount utilised so far by the State Government for the preservation and conservation of forests;

(c) whether forest area in the State are getting depleted due to the failure of the Forest Department in the State tosafeguard the forest wealth;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action proposed to be taken by the Union Government to ensure that the forests are properly protected in the State?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)

(a) & (b) For the preservation and conservation of forests, details of funds sanctioned by the Union Government tothe State Government of Jammu & Kashmir and the amount utilised so far by the state government are as per Annexure.

(c) & (d) There is no report with the Government that forest area is getting depleted due to failure of the Forest Department in the State to safeguard the forest wealth. As per1997 assessment of Forest Surveyof India an increase of 7 sq.km. of forest cover has been reported as compared to 1995 assessment.

(e) The Union Government has issued guidelines to the state governments for involvement of local communities in regeneration and protection of forest lands under Joint Forest Management. The State Governmenthas also been requested to strengthen its Forest Protection Machinery for protection of the forests and its wildlife.

ANNEXURE AS REFERRED TO IN PART (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2389

(Rs.in lakhs)

Scheme	1999-2000			2000-2001			
	Sanctioned	Relesed	Utilised	Sanctioned	Relesed	Utilised	
(i) IAEPS	415.34	364.09	357.92	397.78	195.62	To be	
(ii) AOFFP	169.07	0.00	0.00	174.25	0.00	utilised	
(iii) NTFP	207.80	187.85	200.75	203.27	60.00	during	
(iv) ASRRDUS	28.08	16.00	16.00	34.281	32.80	2000-01	
(v) ACCFF	100.00	100.00					

(i) Integrated Afforestation and Eco-Development Project Scheme

(ii) Area Oriented Fuelwood and Fodder Projects Scheme

(iii) Conservation and Development of Non-Timber Forest Produce

(iv) Association of STs and Rural poor in Regeneration of Degraded Forests on usufruct Sharing Basis

(v) Additional Central Assistance for Prevention and Control of Forest Fires.